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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

ROWLING, MAY 7

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1. PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER ROWLING MET WITH SECRETARY. AMBASSADOR WHITE, NZ ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANCIS, EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN WERE PRESENT.

2. NPW VISITS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY SECRETARY, ROWLING SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY DEPUTY PM TIZARD'S MAY 5 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS AND THAT TIZARD HAD GOT AHEAD OF GNZ. ON NPW VISITS, CABINET HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON SUBJECT; AND DESPITE TIZARD STATE-  
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MENTS, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY GNZ. HE CONTINUED TO

WANT TO HOLD OFF DECISION UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS, WHICH HE SAID WOULD TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER.

3. SEA AFTER VIET-NAM. ROWLING SOLICITED SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON FUTURE HANOI POSTURE TOWARD OTHER SEA COUNTRIES AND ON EFFECT OF VIET-NAM ON PERCEPTIONS OF SOVIETS AND PRC. SECRETARY PREDICTED NVN STEP UP IN SUPPORT OF "REVOLUTIONARY WAR" IN NORTHEAST THAILAND AND MALAYSIA AND

NVN PRESSURE ON OTHER SEA COUNTRIES AT MINIMUM, ALONG WITH NVN ATTEMPTS TO PLAY MOSCOW AND PEKING OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. ALSO FORESAW PROBABLE EMERGENCE OF SOVIET'S ASIAN SECURITY CONCEPT AND PRC APPREHENSION OF SOVIET MOVES.

4. FUTURE US ROLE IN EAST ASIA. ROWLING SAW NEED FOR FAIRLY CLEAR EXPRESSION THAT VIET-NAM BEHIND US AND THAT US NOT PACKING UP AND GOING HOME TO FORTRESS AMERICA POLICY. ROWLING STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF OUR ALL HELPING TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIES OF SEA COUNTRIES TO WEAKEN DISSIDENT ELEMENTS, CITING SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY LEE KUAN YEW AND MALAYSIA. SECRETARY NOTED THAT WHILE SECURITY NOT ENOUGH, THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SECURITY. KISSINGER

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